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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of April 9 thru April 15, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 762 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

DOG BITE - On April 9 at 9:42 p.m. on the 900 block of Jenks Avenue a 38 year old woman was bitten by a pitbull. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Six people were treated and taken to a local hospital in six ambulances following a two-car traffic accident at Maryland Ave. E. and Johnson Parkway on April 9. Some of the injuries were quite serious.

ARSON - On April 10 at 1:32 a.m. on the 700 block of University Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a fire at an auto repair shop. Upon arrival, they found fire on the first floor of the building. This intentional fire is still under investigation by Fire and Police. The apartment above suffered heat/smoke damage. Damage estimated at \$200,000 to building and contents.



ARSON - On April 10 at 5:38 a.m. on Case and Birmingham fire companies were called to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, they found a fully involved sedan. They quickly extinguished the fire and cut open the hood and trunk. The fire was intentionally set. Damage is estimated at \$7,000.

ARSON - On April 10 at 7:46 a.m. on Chatsworth Street North and Topping Street a vehicle was found abandoned and had been set on fire. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

OVEN FIRE - On April 11 at 8:33 a.m. on the 200 block of Kipling Street fire companies were called for a report of a stove fire which was out when firefighters arrived. The resident inadvertently left the stove on. A friend tried to take the hot pan out to the deck and dropped it on the living room carpet, spreading the fire. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.



By picking up a burning fry pan, the resident spread the fire and could have burned himself in the process. You can try using a portable fire extinguisher WHILE someone else is calling 9-1-1, but don't handle a burning pan and please don't delay calling the fire department.

VEHICLE FIRE - On April 12 at 7:45 a.m. on the 100 block of East Arch Street, residents from nearby heard an explosion and looked outside and saw a vehicle on fire. Fire companies quickly extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,500.

SHOOTING - On April 15 at 7:42 p.m. on the 300 block of Fuller Avenue a 32 year old man had been shot multiple times. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

CARELESSLY DISCARDED CIGARETTES - On April 15 at 5:40 a.m. on the 200 block of Thomas Avenue fire crews were called to a report of a deck fire. An occupant saw fire on the rear deck when he was getting into his car. He used two fire extinguishers and put the fire out. A five gallon plastic bucket was being used to discard hot cigarette butts. Firefighters found the fire out but had to open the concrete wall to put out the smoldering insulation. Damage is estimated at \$4,000.



- **DO NOT** discard smoking materials into potted plants or plastic containers. Smoking materials should be discarded into a large ashtray or a metal container, preferable containing water.
- As more-and-more people smoke outside there are more frequent outside fires that can be very damaging, and even deadly.

- **Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in Minnesota.**